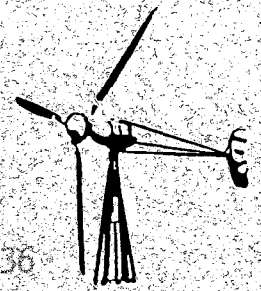


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Dr. Schwetz,


I am communicating with you in regard to the issuance of the USFDA approval of the irradiation process. You as a holder of a doctorate of science I anticipate that you will read this as a peer review.


Any person that has designed a method to process a food product has to do through a rigid testing and examination of the process before the USFDA will issue approval. Why is the irradiation being approved by the USFDA without going through the same process?

I understand politics and science are often intermixed to persuade the conclusion in favor of the source of funding; also with major universities being funded with corporate "contributions" the chances that the scientific conclusions will be bias are overwhelming, or never conducted, therefore, I hope that irradiation will be investigated thoroughly and open to all scientific peer review before the USFDA places its' approval on Irradiation and Genetic Modified foods.

It always puzzles me how people that attach a Ph.D. to their names will discredit that honorable title because of economic persuasion. The position you hold is a position many other people with doctorates of sciences would be honored to maintain. I hope you are not threatened to throw out investigation and peer review on the safety of GM Foods and foods irradiated.

Thank you for reading this,


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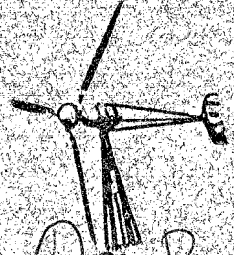
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